

### Study & Worship Schedule

#### Sunday

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:20 a.m.

Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

### A New Year Is Coming...

You will notice In our Bible Reading schedule that next Sunday we start all over with Genesis and Matthew. We'll follow the same schedule in 2012 that we gave in 2011. You may get the entire schedule at our website. Also we will have a new theme coming to us next Sunday. We had the theme "Focus on Heaven in 2011," so a new emphasis will come for 2012. Yet, don't expect any rhyming theme this year... I have my limits.

*g.o., jr.*

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## Merry Christmas

The expression, "Merry Christmas," is now debated by an unbelieving generation of worldly malcontents. You won't hear it said in some places of business because it is no longer "politically correct." Perhaps, you'll hear, "Happy Holidays," in its place, but only if you're lucky. Even though it cannot be substantiated that Christ was born on December 25, the world has set aside that date as a time for celebrating the Lord's birth. The rituals and traditions of this season have been around for centuries. But now the season has finally run into a time of hardened hearts who want to remove any thought of Christ from the minds of the people.

Although the "churches of Christ" have not generally participated in the religious practices of the denominations at this time of year, we certainly acknowledge the genuineness of the birth of Christ. We simply do not want to be categorized as blindly accepting anything the religious world might demand of us. We are attempting to restore New Testament Christianity, so we have determined to require only what the Bible requires of us, and there is no mention in Scripture of commemorating the Lord's birth. Certainly, individuals may choose to take this time to remember Christ's birth (Rom. 14:5), but the church will not demand it.

What provokes me is the current trend to be anti-Christian, a movement that is being touted as "politically correct." This I strongly oppose. I like saying "Merry Christmas" to folks in order to spread good will and cheer among us. I enjoy hearing it from other folks, because it evokes joy within my heart at this time of year. Since I'm never one to be "politically correct," I'd like to say, "Merry Christmas" to all on this day!

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### Bible Reading For This Week

*"Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path..."*

**Psalm 119:105**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Revelation 17</b>	<b>Haggai 1-2</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Revelation 18</b>	<b>Zechariah 1-4</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Revelation 19</b>	<b>Zechariah 5-8</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Revelation 20</b>	<b>Zechariah 9-12</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Revelation 21</b>	<b>Zechariah 13-14</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Revelation 22</b>	<b>Malachi 1-4</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Matthew 1</b>	<b>Genesis 1-3</b>

# On The Calendar...

## December

- 21 Ladies Bible Class will NOT meet
- 21 Singing night before Christmas holiday
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 25 There will be **no** pot luck this day
- 28 Ladies Bible Class will NOT MEET
- 31 New Year's Eve party at the building 6:00

## 2012

### January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 1 Areas wide worship at Eastside
- 4 Ladies Bible Class will NOT MEET
- 9 Area Preachers meet here in Durango
- 10 Guy to speak at the Fort Worth Lectures
- 11 Ladies class resumes
- 18 Ladies class meets
- 22 First pot luck of the new year
- 22 - 24 Guy in gospel meeting at Brownsville

### Prayer List:

Robert Watson... Koben Puckett... DeeAnn Bishopp... Ruth Sutherlin... Eliana Uribbari... Kitty Farrell... Ronnie Sautor... Shirley O'Hare... Peggy O'Hare... Joan Heller... Bob Miller... Danielle Ben has requested our prayers for some upcoming court proceedings... Let's also pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters who are traveling during the holidays.

#### Brothers in the military:

Michael Ogle and Jason Reed

### New Year's Eve Party...

There will be a New Year's Eve party here at the building on Saturday, December 31. Bring games, white elephant gift, and snacks. Proceedings will begin at 6:00 p.m., but we will not stay until midnight due to the Saturday date.

### Area Wide Worship...

There will be an area wide assembly of Christians next Sunday evening, January 1. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Eastside congregation. **Guy** has been invited to speak on that occasion. All are encouraged to attend as we sing, preach, and pray on the first day of the New Year.

## Focus On Heaven In 2011...

# January - Assignments to Serve

<i>Announcements</i>	Joe Puckett
<i>Coordinate Prayers</i>	Jerry Puckett
<i>Coordinate Wed. Devos</i>	Steve Hill
<i>Office Coordinator</i>	Ken Willyard
<i>The Lord's Table</i>	Dennis Dahlke Clint Starkebaum Doug Sutherlin Ken Willyard

### Songleaders

1	Sunday	Steve Cagle
4	Wednesday	Steve Cagle
8	Sunday	Steve Cagle
11	Wednesday	Steve Cagle
15	Sunday	Steve Cagle
18	Wednesday	Steve Cagle
22	Sunday	Steve Cagle
25	Wednesday	Steve Cagle
29	Sunday	Steve Cagle

### Scripture Reading

1	2 Thessalonians 1	Larry McKesson
8	2 Thessalonians 2	Larry McKesson
15	2 Thessalonians 3	Larry McKesson
22	1 Timothy 1	Larry McKesson
29	1 Timothy 2	Larry McKesson